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FM AMEMBASSY ROME

TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS PRIORITY

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FOR: CAO AND CU/ARTS COE AND SAM PRESIDENT FROM WEST

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OEXC

SUBJ: JOSE LIMON DANCE COMPANY

1) NINE TICKETS ISSUED JULY 28 WASHINGTON AND SHOWN AS
CONFIRMED FOR AZ 864 AUGUST 12 ROME TO TUNIS WERE DECLARED
INVALID BY ALITALIA TICKET OFFICE ROME WHEN PRESENTED FOR RE-
CONFIRMATION AUGUST 8 AND CHECKED AGAINST RESERVATIONS COMPUTER.
AS EARLY AS MID-JULY DRALLE OF TWA WASHINGTON HAD REPORTED
THESE TICKETS AS CONFIRMED BY ALITALIA.

2) ALITALIA TICKET OFFICE MANAGER EMILOZZI STATED FLIGHT
FULLY BOOKED; RECOMMENDED ENTIRE GROUP BE AT AIRPORT TWO
HOURS IN ADVANCE OF TAKEOFF TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CANCELLATIONS
AND NO-SHOWS; UNDERTOOK TO PUT UP THOSE UNABLE
TO GET ON FLIGHT AT HOTEL NEAR AIRPORT AT
ALITALIA EXPENSE AND REPORTED HE HAD MADE NINE RESERVA-
TIONS ON TU 953 AUGUST 13 LEAVING ROME AT 11:40.

3) INTEND PRESS FURTHER WITH EMBASSY ASSISTANCE TO STRESS
US GOVERNMENT CHARACTER OF TOUR AND WILL ADVISE EMBASSY
TUNIS WHETHER SUCCESS ACHIEVED PRIOR COB MONDAY.
OTHERWISE EMBASSY TUNIS MUST EXPECT UP TO NINE COMPANY
MEMBERS ON AUGUST 13. PRIORITY ON ALITALIA FLIGHT WILL BE
GIVEN TO THOSE MEMBERS WHOSE TIMELY ARRIVAL TUNIS MOST
ESSENTIAL TO SUCCESS OF FIRST PERFORMANCE.

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4) AUGUST 7 ALITALIA PILOTS WENT ON ONE WEEK STRIKE BUT

MADE EXCEPTIONS FOR AZ 864 AND A FEW OTHER INTERNA-
TIONAL FLIGHTS. HOPEFULLY THESE EXCEPTIONS WILL LAST THROUGH
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